Direction to CISF to Prevent Smuggling of Coal

†2829. DR. D. MASTHAN :
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALLA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued new directions to the Central Industrial Security Force to prevent smuggling of a large quantity of coal in the coal areas of Bihar and Bengal;

(b) if so, whether, it is a fact that the Central Industrial Security Force has achieved success in seizing the coal being smuggled during the last few years; and

(c) if so, the details of the places where stolen coal has been seized during the past two years, together with the action taken against the persons involved in these incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) The main responsibility of the Central Industrial Security Force is to provide protection to the Public Sector Undertakings and their property. The Force has achieved great success in stopping the pilferage of coal in Bihar and West Bengal in the last few years.

(c) In the last 2 years, stolen coal worth Rs. 6.98 crores has been recovered in various parts of Dhanbad District in Bihar and Sheetalpur District in West Bengal. 516 persons have also been arrested and handed over to the local police to take action against them, as per the law.

Gurudwara Election Commission a Permanent Body

2830. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA :
SADAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :
SHRI LAJPAT RAI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have taken a policy decision to make Gurudwara Election Commission a permanent body; and

(b) what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Gurudwara Election Commission, was created in December, 1994 by the Govt. for conducting elections of SGPC, Amritsar. The election

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